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SAT-CHI REIGN SUPREME AGAIN, CORNER GLORY AT KOREA OPEN

World No. 3 pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty complete come-from-behind victory to win their fourth title of the season

INDONESIAN WORLD NO. 1 TEAM REELED IN

The pair of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Ardianto took the opening game but they were reeled in. The Indian pair took the final 17-21, 21-13, 21-14 in just over an hour. They have won won each of their last six finals. Coach Mathias Boe had spoken about their hunger and their latest win is a proof of how they have developed their skills and ability to fight past complications

SHINING LIGHT OF INDIAN BADMINTON

- Even as the singles players are going through a dull phase, Sat-Chi have now become the sport's biggest names in India. In Korea, they dropped only one game all week and largely remained untroubled en route title
- The next challenge for them is the Japan Open that's beginning this week. In the medium-term, they have the Asian Games in a few months

Winning run

SINCE THEIR LAST LOSS, THEY ARE ON A 10-MATCH WINNING STREAK

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Personnel of the National Disaster Relief Force rescue people trapped in flood-affected Mocha village in Gujarat on Sunday | ANI

Pressure on PM Modi to intervene as Manipur situation remains fluid

With Opposition parties planning joint protests, Parliament likely to witness disruption today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi / Guwahati

WITH violence in Manipur continuing unabated, the chorus for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention is growing louder. Parliament is likely to witness noisy scenes and disruption on Monday as well, as the Opposition parties have planned joint protests on the situation in Manipur.

While the Opposition has been pressing for a statement from PM Modi in Parliament before a discussion on the issue, the government's position has been that home minister Amit Shah will speak instead.

On Sunday, civil rights activist Irom Sharmila, who hails from Manipur, urged the prime minister to immediately intervene to address the situation. Describing the incident of strip-and-parade of two tribal women as 'inhuman', she also demanded that Manipur CM Biren Singh admit his failure and apologise to the people.

Children displaced by violence watch TV at a relief camp in Imphal on Sunday | PTI

Delhi Commission for Women chief Swati Maliwal, who reached Imphal on Sunday, appealed to Prime Minister Modi and Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani to visit the strife-torn state to understand the ground situation and the extent of people's suffering.

Meanwhile, 78 Meiteis left Mizoram for Imphal, Guwahati and Kolkata in three different flights on Sunday, a day after 56 of them left for Imphal by a flight from Aizawl.

Reports also said 31 Mizo students left Imphal for Aizawl by a flight on Sunday over security concerns.

In the fresh bout of violence that erupted on Saturday evening at Kwakta near the border of Bishnupur and Churachandpur districts, three persons were reportedly injured. According to official sources, two groups were engaged in a gunfight till the early hours of Sunday, during which shots were fired intermittently.

Flood-hit Gujarat braces for more rains, thousands evacuated

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

WITH parts of Gujarat still reeling under Saturday's heavy rainfall, the Meteorological Department on Sunday issued an orange alert, warning of "heavy to very heavy rainfall" across various districts of the state on Monday.

On Sunday, flood waters seemed to ebb in Junagadh, a day after severe rainfall inundated several low-lying areas of the district. More than 3,000 people in the district have been shifted to safer places, officials said.

Junagadh city, among the worst-hit, received 241 mm of rainfall in just 12 hours on Saturday. Gushing waters swept away dozens of parked vehicles and cattle.

Relief works led by National Disaster Response Force and the State Disaster Response Force were on.

Junagadh district collector Anil Ranavasiya said water has receded in many areas of the city. "Our main focus now is towards cleanliness in the city. Junagadh city has around 600 cleaning staff, and we are getting another 400 from other districts. So, our focus for today is to clean the city so that normalcy is restored," he said.

Heavy rains across the state have led to the closure of two national highways, 10 state highways, and 300 rural roads.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah called Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and took stock of the situation.

Meanwhile, Yamuna crossed the danger mark in Delhi again on Sunday following a surge in discharge from the Hathnikund Barrage into the river after heavy rain in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

A flood alert was issued in parts of Noida as water discharge in Hindon River river increased, officials said. Around 200 people living in five villages along the river have been evacuated and shifted to shelter homes, they said.

EXPRESS READ

Pakistant FM may become interim PM

Islamabad: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz is considering proposing the name of Finance Minister Ishaq Dar as caretaker PM once the term of the current National Assembly ends in August.

Musk contemplates changing Twitter logo

Los Angeles: Elon Musk on Sunday shared his decision to change Twitter's logo. He tweeted: "And soon we shall bid adieu to the twitter brand and, gradually, all the birds." He said, "If a good enough X logo is posted tonight, we'll make (it) go live worldwide tomorrow."

FRESH WORRIES FOR GOVT: RICE PRICES UP IN GLOBAL MARKET

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

BPL and APL cardholders are waiting for 10 kg of rice under the Anna Bhagya scheme. But the state government, which has been facing problems sourcing large quantities of rice for the scheme, has been giving out cash to each beneficiary instead of 5 kg of rice.

Though the government is exploring different options, it is faced with a fresh issue of rising global prices of rice, and tickers have been zooming at the international rice market in Singapore.

To prevent any inflationary pressure on households, the central government has banned the export of non-basmati rice.

Former Food Corporation of India chairman DV Prasad told The New Indian Express, "Karnataka has become an accidental pioneer for cash transfer for the extra 5 kg free rice because of the circumstances. Since beneficiaries already get 5 kg through the central government programme, it would be ideal to continue with cash transfer as it gives beneficiaries the freedom to buy other essentials."

Food Minister KH Muniyappa said, "We are not perturbed by international developments. It will be resolved in a month. I have held three meetings with all the stakeholders. By September, we should be able to stop cash distribution and restore rice distribution like we had originally planned." CONTINUED ON: P4

JOB JOLT

Mysureans fall prey to prepaid online task scam

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

NEXT time you see a message offering lucrative part-time or prepaid jobs on WhatsApp or Telegram, be cautious or you might lose all your money from your bank account.

Part-time job seekers and those seeking the work from home option are increasingly falling prey to a prepaid task scam and cybercriminals have managed to clean bank accounts of at least 30 victims in the last few months in Mysuru alone.

Complaints registered at the cybercrime police station in Mysuru over the last two months reveal that nearly 60 per cent of all cyber frauds are related to this prepaid task scam. People have lost money ranging from Rs 20,000 to Rs 35 lakh per person.

Weaving a web of illusion to make the victims believe that they are dealing with genuine professionals, these fraudsters make the first few payments to gain the victim's trust. But subsequently, they encourage the victims to invest more to gain more, finally disappearing with the entire investment.

The prepaid tasks include watching, reviewing and liking Youtube videos. The police, investigating these cases, found that the accounts to which money was transferred are in bank branches spread across the country.

The cybercrime police have advised people to exercise caution over such prepaid tasks.

RIDING THE RAPIDS

Two youth attempt to cross a flooded bridge on a motorcycle in Kadaba taluk of Dakshina Kannada on Sunday | EXPRESS | P5

Raft turns ambulance, ferries 2 from flood-hit village in Uttara Kannada

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S
@ Joida (Uttara Kannada)

HEAVY rain in several parts of Joida taluk in Uttara Kannada exposed the pathetic condition in which people live in the interior villages of Kali Tiger Reserve. Two persons, who developed respiratory problems, had to be ferried out in rafts meant for adventure sports, to a hospital. In the backwaters of Kaneri reservoir, the roads have turned into rivers as the water level has been rising continuously for the last three days. A bridge near Kundal village has submerged, leaving no road connectivity to the villagers.

Residents of Kali Tiger Reserve being ferried in a raft following heavy rainfall

Tahsildar Basavaraj Chinnalli and Revenue Inspector Ganapathi Methri came to the rescue of the two patients after being told that the village had got completely cut off from the outer world. "After exploring various options, we finally decided to use rafts from Hornbill Resorts. An ambulance was then stationed at a safer place in which the patients, Raja Velap and Ganesh Velap, were taken to a hospital. They have been admitted to Joida Taluk Hospital," said Subhash Gouda, a resident here.

The gram panchayat is a cluster of several villages with a population of about 1,000 people. Of the villages in the panchayat, Kundal, Kuravali, Navara, Ambali and Katheli have been cut off from the outer world since Thursday night.

Navy to test unmanned vessel after monsoon

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

The Navy is gearing up to test indigenously-built Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV), with the first round of tests expected after the monsoon

"The first test of the USV will be post-monsoon, somewhere between September and November when the vessel will sail from Goa to Mumbai," sources said.

The move will be a boost for the force's drive towards modernisation and indigenization.

USVs drew attention amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war when the Ukrainian navy used them to attack Russia's Black Sea Fleet headquarters in Sevastopol, on the Crimean peninsula in October last.

In yet another boost for indigenization, the Navy has begun equipping its warships with Software-Defined Radio (SDR) systems made by the Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment (WESEE) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

WESEE has designed and developed three types of SDRs – SDR NC, SDR-Tac (tactical), and SDR-NG. A fourth one is in the developmental stage and is expected to begin testing next year. SDR-Naval Combat (NC) has already been fitted in all warships and is functioning well as per sources. The SDR-Tac has been installed in most of the warships.

Speaking about SDR-Tac, WESSE director general, Rear Admiral Ankur Sharma said, "It is intended to serve ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore, and ship-to-air voice-data communication for network-centric operations."

Focus on unmanned systems

The US, UK, China and France are working on developing unmanned systems for their forces including Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUVs)